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Letter dated 13 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the communiqué of the fifteenth Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Agencies and Law-Enforcement Organizations, held in St. Petersburg on 27 and 28 July 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 109, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Churkin**

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Communiqué of the fifteenth Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Agencies and Law-Enforcement Organizations

On 27 and 28 July 2016, in St. Petersburg (Russian Federation), 100 delegations from 63 States and four international organizations: the United Nations, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the European Union,

Committed to establishing a global coalition against terrorism, with the United Nations in a central coordinating role, on the basis of the norms and principles of international law, including the principles of equality and sovereignty of States and non-interference in their internal affairs,

Reaffirming the high status of the forum as an association of national competent authorities responsible for countering terrorism in their States,

Acknowledging the need for intransigence in combating the terrorist threat and the renunciation of double standards,

Drawing upon national experience in combating manifestations of terrorism,

Considering:

- The threats posed by foreign terrorist fighters returning to their countries of origin from regions with elevated terrorist activity,
- The continuous improvement in the level of terrorist training regarding the use of information and communication technologies, including the Internet, for terrorist purposes,
- The uncontrolled spread of jihadist ideology and radicalization of the population, especially youth,
- The growing trend of terrorist organizations using suicide bombers,
- The ongoing terrorist threats to major international events,
- The strengthening of criminal ties between organized criminal groups and international terrorist organizations,

Unanimously reaffirmed the need:

- To improve effective communication in combating foreign terrorist fighters in the context of implementing Security Council resolution 2178 (2014),
- To enhance the monitoring of national online space and develop a procedure for joint work to freeze terrorist resources online, taking into account the specific legislation of the parties involved,
- To combine efforts in the search for relevant forms of cooperation to counter the radicalization of the population and its involvement in extremist and terrorist activities,
- For a rapid response and the development of joint approaches to tackle the use of suicide bombers by terrorist organizations.

Participants decided:

1. To improve the efficient use of the international counter-terrorism database in order to create a single information space for the intelligence community to monitor foreign terrorist fighters.

2. To continue work on the Joint Prospective Threats Assessment analytical document, as part of collaborative efforts by the intelligence community to track new terrorist threats and develop preventive measures to neutralize them.

3. To use the machinery put in place by the Meeting to communicate real and potential threats, and joint responses to them, when providing security for major international events, including the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil, the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) 2017 Confederations Cup and the FIFA 2018 World Cup in Russia. To continue the activities of the Working Group of Security Intelligence and Law-Enforcement Experts on Major International Events Security.

4. The intelligence community shall participate in the elaboration of norms and rules of behaviour for States in cyberspace, in keeping with the recommendations of General Assembly resolution 70/237 regarding existing and potential threats in the sphere of information security.

5. The sixteenth Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Agencies and Law-Enforcement Organizations shall be held in 2017 in the Russian Federation and the drafting of the agenda for that event shall proceed.